

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face, torso, and/or other body parts; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States, and approximately 70% of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD because even mild symptoms of TD can have physical, social and emotional consequences; and

WHEREAS, it is important people taking DRBA medication be monitored for TD, as regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and

WHEREAS, Clinical research has led to the availability of two treatments for adults with TD by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

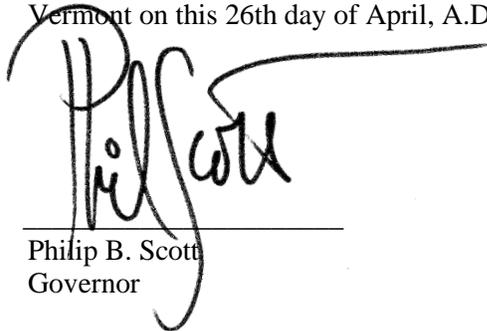
WHEREAS, anyone experiencing symptoms of TD should consult their physician for support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2023 as

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of April, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs